

Merkel of Germany to discuss the global financial markets situation.

The President declared a major disaster in North Carolina and ordered Federal aid to supplement State and local recovery efforts in the area struck by Tropical Storm Hanna from September 4–15.

The President made additional disaster assistance available to Texas by authorizing an extension of 100 percent in the level of Federal funding for debris removal and emergency protective measures undertaken as a result of Hurricane Ike that struck the State from September 7 to October 2.

The President made additional disaster assistance available to Louisiana by authorizing an increase of 100 percent Federal funding for debris removal and emergency measures undertaken as a result of Hurricane Ike that struck the State beginning on September 11 and continuing.

### **October 9**

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing.

The President declared a major disaster in Kentucky and ordered Federal aid to supplement Commonwealth and local recovery efforts in the area struck by a severe wind storm associated with Tropical Depression Ike on September 14.

The President declared a major disaster in Oklahoma and ordered Federal aid to supplement State and local recovery efforts in the area struck by severe storms, tornadoes, and flooding from September 12–16.

The President announced his intention to designate Patrick A. Gorman as Acting Chief Information Officer at the Office of the Director of National Intelligence.

### **October 10**

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. Later, he traveled to Miami, FL, where, upon arrival in the afternoon, he met with USA Freedom Corps volunteer Teodoro Rodriguez. He then traveled to Coral Gables, FL.

Later in the afternoon, at a private residence, the President attended a Congressional Trust 2008 reception. Then, at Havana Harry's restaurant, he met with Cuban American community leaders. Later, he trav-

eled to Charleston, SC, where, upon arrival in the evening at Charleston Air Force Base, he was joined by Mrs. Bush and met with USA Freedom Corps volunteer Eileen Hadbavny.

Later in the evening, the President and Mrs. Bush participated in a photo opportunity and met with the 2008 Little League Softball World Series champion Simpsonville Stars. They then traveled to Kiawah Island, SC, where, at the Sanctuary at Kiawah Island, they attended a Republican National Committee reception. Later, they returned to Washington, DC.

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## **Nominations Submitted to the Senate**

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NOTE: No nominations were submitted to the Senate during the period covered by this issue.

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## **Checklist of White House Press Releases**

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The following list contains releases of the Office of the Press Secretary that are neither printed as items nor covered by entries in the Digest of Other White House Announcements.

### **Released October 6**

Transcript of a press gaggle by Deputy Press Secretary Scott M. Stanzel

Fact sheet: Judges Who Honor the Constitution

Advance text of the President's remarks to the Cincinnati chapter of the Federalist Society in Cincinnati, Ohio

### **Released October 7**

Transcript of a press briefing by Press Secretary Dana Perino

Statement by the Press Secretary on a Federal district court ordering the release of 17 Chinese Uyghur detainees held at Guantanamo Bay